

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Of the

**LIME ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, INC.,
LINCOLN TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
100 OLD RIVER ROAD**

Held September 27, 2012

**Mr. Ronald Rivet called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., Monday
September 27, 2012**

Present: Mr. Ronald Rivet, Mr. Mark Krieger, Mr. James A. Fredrikson, Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr. , Mr. Paul Harrison was absent, Chief Frank Sylvester, Ms. Lesley Heaton, Ms. Cheryl Cronan and approximately 24 other attendees.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR
2012-2013 BUDGET.**

Mr. Ronald Rivet apologized that the microphones were not working properly and that if there was anyone that could not hear him, please speak up.

Mr. Ronald Rivet opened the floor up for any questions or comments on the 2012-2013 budget.

Mr. Bob Theroux asked if there would a tax increase this year. Mr. Ronald Rived replied that there were no plans to increase the tax rate for the up coming year.

Mr. Ronald Rivet stated that he understood that many people only received a copy of the budget at the start of the meeting and asked that everyone take a few minutes to review it.

Richard Foster asked if the firefighter's wages were by contract or by expectations. Mr. Ronald Rivet replied, it is a combination. We are entering into a collective bargaining agreement with the firefighters that has been in the works for the past two years. It calls for a 3% increase. There has not been an increase in the past several years. The line item figure reflects a full staff. Last, year's budget also reflected a full staff . However, there has been a lot of transition with in the Department. With people leaving and new people taking their place at different pay scales. The budget figure reflects an A firefighters wage and a full complement with a 3% increase. Hopefully we do not have the same transition through out the upcoming year.

Richard Foster asked if the figure of 1,295,000. was what is

anticipated to be approved under the contract/what is expected to be spent. Mr. Ronald Rivet responded yes, and that we hope it falls under that amount.

Richard Foster asked if it was possible to give a broad over view of the line items that have increased. Mr. Ronald Rivet responded that was what he intended to do but asked for questions from the audience first.

Mr. Ronald Rivet stated that the biggest changes were in the salary lines for administrated staff and firefighters. In addition to that, line 1109, which is based on salary, will increase approximately 3 %.

Mr. Charles Turner Jr. stated that government payroll taxes will also be impacted by the increase.

Mr. Ronald Rivet acknowledged there were really no changes in building,grounds,communications equipment or maintance. There is a change to 4406 debt service for the last engine we purchased. The last payment was paid in this fiscal period so we no longer have that debt. That is why there is no longer an amount in that column. Line item 4407 has been increased to 25,000. to start saving for a future vehicle.

Line item 5506 has been increased from 31,000. to 35,000. should any future issues arise.

Some if the insurance line items have been decreased. However, final figures have not been received from the insurance carrier.

Mr. Ronald Rivet stated that these are the major changes. We are guessing on the cost of gas and oil and hoping that we will stay where we are currently.

John Houghton asked if a figure of approximately 20,000. for professional services would be accurate for a year with out issues. Mr. Ronald Rivet responded that would be about accurate.

Richard Foster inquired if there are any known major expensives coming up on equipment. Mr. Ronald Rivet responded that we are not aware of any. The vehicles are relatively new in firefighting terms and that Chief Sylvester does a good job in maintaining the vehicles. Everything is taken care of when necessary.

Richard Foster questioned if the monies from the Twin River details was paid directly to the firefighters or to Lime Rock . Also are those funds reflected in the wages and salaries on line item 1101. Mr. Ronald Rivet replied that those funds are not reflected in line item 1101. Ms. Cronan explained that the hours worked are calculated and billed to Twin Rivers. The payment is deposited and the hours the men worked are run through our payroll company so that all proper taxes are taken.

John Houghton inquired what line item 1111 was used for. Mr. Ronald Rivet replied, it is an accrued benefits sinking fund. This fund was set up per our CPA to cover accrued benefits for the Chief and Firefighters upon retirement or if they are killed in the line of duty. By planning ahead, it will not cause a major burden on the budget when the time comes.

Mr. Ronald Rivet asked if there were any further questions.

Mr. Mark Krieger stated that he would like to thank Mr. Charles Turner Jr. for his years of service and that he will be missed.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Charles N. Turner Jr seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Rivet

Cheryl A. Cronan

Recording Secretaries

cc: R. Rivet, M. Krieger, C. Turner, P. Harrison, J. Fredrikson, file